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## Can Mexico Afford to Change Its President?

One of the very strongest personalities which have appeared upon the world's stage during the past half century is Porfirio Diaz, who has been elected president of the Mexican republic seven times. Fortunately he had the advantages of a classical education at the Oaxaca institute, and had grounded himself in law before the call to arms in defense of his country compelled him to abase all thought of self and dedicate his first years of manhood to the god of war.

The history of Mexico from the days of Santa Anna and the war against the United States, into and during the internecine revolution and the threatening inroads of Maximilian and French and Austrian troops, is rendered notable and glorious by the martial activities of Diaz who provided himself a warrior of the first magnitude, a devoted patriot whose genius, military skill and indomitable energy were, perhaps, the prime factor in driving the alien from his shores and in bringing order out of chaos, both social and political.

When first elected to the presidency in 1877 he found before him a vast constructive problem. He found a people split into many factions. He found conditions bordering on anarchy, and rendered doubly dangerous by an appalling illiteracy among the masses. How well he performed the task of bringing order out of chaos—a giant undertaking from which a Hercules might well have recoiled, fearful and daunted—is proclaimed by the present strong position of Mexico among the governments of the world. In the language of the Mexican Herald of April 29:

Let us be frank, with the frankness of a friend. Mexico and the whole Mexican environment have stamped themselves on this notable man, and he, by the force of his unbreakable will and the lucidity of an intelligence which directs his immense ambitions, illuminating the road along which his powerful will drives him irresistibly, has stamped himself on the Mexican nation. You cannot dissociate Diaz from Mexico, for of her later and most significant history he is the maker. This Superman came on the stage of events at a time when Mexico was a mere congeries of mutually jealous provinces, lacking modern means of intercommunication, lacking provision for popular education, an easy prey to foreign enemies, a geographical expression as it were. He grew up amid civil war, learned the trade of the soldier, won fame as a military chief, and, dominated by an ambition having its roots in capacity and a genuine patriotism, made straight for the presidency, for the post of chief executive. It was all inevitable, given conditions as they existed, a generation ago, that Porfirio Diaz should come to the head of affairs here as that the young Napoleon Bonaparte should emerge from the dust and smoke of battlefields and make himself master of France.

Nor can we think it possible that the work of Diaz has been finished, despite the fact that a political cabal has formed to prevent his being again chosen for the presidency. Although the Mexico of today is as a rock-ribbed hill when compared with the chaotic Mexico of 1877—a quicksand whose shifting, threatening wastes foretold destruction; still it has not yet reached a point in social and civic development when it may afford to take chances in its selection of a chief executive. A strong hand, a brave heart, a lofty patriotism, a conspicuous intellectuality are still needed to complete the work and lift the republic to the eminence prophesied by its splendid resources and geographical location. And one may well defy the enemies of Diaz to produce another Mexican so well equipped as the great president in all these necessary attributes.

Conditions in France afford Americans a seasonable opportunity to study government ownership of public utilities in a republic. It is evident that the French chamber of deputies passed

to use the iron hand in suppressing the postal strike, and an observation of the outcome, both as to immediate results and the effect it will have upon the next general election and on the popular tranquillity, should keep our more intellectual statesmen busy.

## DEATH TO THE HOUSEFLY!

Looks like Jordan for mayor of Jacksonville. Did the Young Turks do it?

Are pretty things coming to pass or pretty passes come to THINGS in our land of phosphate, phurits, phlowers and other phenomena?

The New York cotton gamblers would do well to get all the fun they can out of their iniquitous game, for truly their days are numbered.

Pensacola's sewers are declared by expert authority to be strictly A-1. Now let all premises be connected with them as a necessary health measure.

How fearsome was the foursome in Washington Wednesday when victory perched on Taft's golf stick. Was it the dove of peace? Nay, 'twas the crow of triumph.

Mississippi mourns the death of its great Methodist prelate, Charles Betts Galloway, who leaves his sphere of useful endeavor at an age when full ripeness of thought and experience made him wise in council and fit to guide the policies of his church.

The sentence of but ten days imprisonment and five hundred dollars fine for each of the fourteen convicted night riders at Waverly, Tennessee, reminds one very forcibly of the old fable of the mountain's laboring and giving birth to a mouse.

Friends of the Winter Capital, of old "Louisiana" and of chicken and oyster gumbo, let us pray that nothing befall the battleship Mississippi on her way to Natchez. The future of a great city and a mighty commonwealth would seem to rest upon the safe passage of the vessel of war.

Few Austrian dukes or dukes of any other nationality may hold up their heads with the same pride as Johann Salvator, alias John Orth, who has been earning fifteen dollars a week, as a mechanic in Painesville, Ohio. Why this nobleman has actually been of some use to the world, Horwals!

The strike of the fifteen hundred students of the commercial school at Tokio, is the latest indication that the Japs are becoming as civilized as the Americans; for it is worthy of remark and is, moreover, a fit subject for an essay on sociology, that the more civilized people grow the less civility they show toward the powers that be—provided!

The shadow of the "Boston tea party" hung over the G. O. P. stalwarts in the senate Tuesday when the people's favorite herb came up for discussion. There'll be no tariff on tea, depend on that. And it goes to show how long the effects of bona fide indignation and the expression thereof on the part of the oppressed will linger and dominate political action.

The first number of Norman E. Mack's National Monthly has been issued and is admirable from both a literary and mechanical viewpoint. The veteran editor has announced that this publication is designed to rejuvenate and strengthen the democratic party, and millions of staunch adherents to the faith of the fathers will wish him God speed in his noble purpose.

The May number of the Florida Review is exceptionally well prepared and readable. Pensacola has received honorable mention and the charms of the Deep Water City are emphasized by several half-tone productions of scenes in its neighborhood. Further-

## THE LOAN SHARKS IN OTHER STATES

## Loan Shark and the Law.

Some time ago the Illinois legislature passed a law intended to make it difficult for wage-earners to give control of their salaries to loan sharks. One important effect of this law, if it had been sustained, would have been the protection of the families of wage-earners. The law provided that there should be no assignment of wages or salary except as the assignment was accompanied by a court acknowledgment, and, in the case of married workers, the consent of husband or wife. The Illinois supreme court decided that the law was unconstitutional because it unduly interfered with individual liberty. Now there has been a rehearing and the court finds another ground for disapproving the law. The act refers to "wages or salary" and the court says that there is no warrant for abridging the right of men "earning the highest salaries to assign or transfer their salaries in such manner as they see fit." People familiar with conditions in Chicago say that the families of many workers suffer because of the ease with which assignments of wages can be made and the excessive interest rates charged on wage loans. There will be another effort to get upon the statutes a law restraining loan sharks.—Hartford (Conn.) Courant.

## To Check the Loan Shark.

Among the meritorious bills now pending in Springfield is one which attacks an evil. The Tribune has fought from time to time as opportunity offered, and which it would be glad, indeed, to have destroyed.

This bill is No. 265, now in judiciary committee, and is for an act to define personal property brokers and to regulate their charges and business. It was formulated after thorough study of conditions in the salary and chattel loan business here and in other states and after examination of laws elsewhere the proved successful features of which it embodies. This work was done by the Legal Aid Society of Chicago, which stands sponsor for the bill.

The need for proper regulation of this business need not be emphasized now. It is well known. Extortion, usury, and great injustice now prevail, whereas under proper regulation a perfectly legitimate business would

more, the Review contains the first part of an excellent article, "Pensacola, the Cinderella of the Gulf," from the pen of our talented townswoman, Mrs. S. J. Gonzalez. The magazine is filling a long felt want in Florida and should be sustained by the people from one end of the peninsula to the other.

The ability and the capacity of the people to govern have been asserted by the people themselves on several memorable occasions in the history of the world. The process is sometimes rude, but is highly effective, especially with reference to the manner in which they have disposed of the pompous egotists and designing politicians along with the plutocrats who have attempted to discredit this ability and run things to suit their own selfish interests.

The unhappy Porto Rican legislature committed the unpardonable sin in the eyes of the G. O. P. by cutting out appropriations, and all the stalwarts in Washington, from Taft down, are in a state of the wildest excitement over the incident. If Teddy were only in power no doubt he would threaten the little island with the full force of the army and navy of the United States, and make that economical legislature "put up."

The Wrights, of Aeroplane notoriety, having returned to the "home of the brave" from the land of kingly cads, will proceed to teach our young army officers how to fly; the last thing these ambitious martial spirits will have to learn ere universal peace is established and they are "cut down" by the iconoclastic but humane "butcher"—that is if the recent Chicago peace convention is to be taken seriously.

There is no discounting the serene audacity of your full-fledged multimillionaire who esteems his wealth a lever to move the earth and all the fullness thereof, as witness the latest proposition of our Laird of Skibo, the ubiquitous Handy Andy Carnegie, to bribe the Baptists to give up teaching the young ideas in their schools how to become Christians in regular orthodox style.

There is a man in our town who is not very wise: He eats and drinks things which have been

Infected by houseflies. But when the germs get in their work And lay him up in bed, He'll learn to be more careful—if He hasn't joined the dead.

♦♦♦♦♦ JACSONVILLE WILL FIGHT THE FLIES. ♦♦♦♦♦ Jacksonville Metropolis.

It is very gratifying to the housekeepers of Jacksonville to see steps being taken to guard them against the filth and disease disseminated by flies. Just as it was discovered that yellow fever was spread by mosquitoes, so it has since been discovered that flies, in filth and manure,

develop to fill the legitimate want for small loans. The necessities of people of small means are now cruelly exploited. From 8 to 20 per cent a month is collected, whereas an adequate profit is proved to be obtainable at 4 per cent, the legal rate allowed by this bill.

The pawnbroker's act has accomplished a substantial reform in that field, and there is good reason to believe as much good can be accomplished if this bill becomes law. It should be passed.—Chicago Tribune.

## A New York Victim.

A loan shark in Syracuse is suing a victim for a loan of fifty dollars on which the victim has testified that he paid \$2.50 interest every month for six years. This is another object lesson for the palm-itching gentlemen at Albany, who make laws for those who can pay for them and against those who cannot pay. The situation, so far as it relates to these loan sharks, is intolerable and it is a shame and a disgrace that something is not done to drive the rascals out of business.—New York Democracy.

## Driven to Suicide.

Chicago.—Driven to desperation by the insistent demands of loan sharks to whom he was heavily indebted, Raymond Floyd, a room clerk at the Great Northern hotel, committed suicide today at the Windsor-Clifton hotel by shooting himself through the head with a pistol.

"I am in debt and loan sharks are after me," was the final note by Floyd to W. A. Salter, a fellow clerk at the Great Northern, before he disappeared last Saturday. In another note he informed his friend Salter that he might have a suit of clothing that Floyd was having made at a tailor's.

Before leaving the Great Northern, Floyd took Salter's pistol from his room, leaving in its stead another note in which he said:

"Fast pace; too much for me; am going to end it all tonight."

Floyd had registered at the hotel as "Walter Keith." It is said that Floyd, who was twenty-four years old, was connected with a prominent family of Memphis, Tenn. He had been employed at the Great Northern hotel for about a year.—St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer.

are likely to convey typhoid fever and other diseases.

Our vigilant and watchful Board of Health recognizes these facts, and have declared war on the flies, and we have no doubt that, in spite of the short-sighted and selfish opposition of a few, the board will vigorously enforce the laws for the protection of the people. Any objection to measures looking to the preservation of the public health must surely be the result of gross ignorance. It has been a source of surprise to us that some intelligent and enterprising fruit and vegetable dealer has not "caught on" to the trend of public opinion and screened and protected his stock, and advertised it far and wide that he has done so. He surely would have attracted the best trade in the city. People naturally don't like to chew street dust and disease germs, and will just as naturally trade where, if they know it, the eatables are kept clean. And this is what our wide-awake Board of Health and the city health officer propose to have.

But while the war is to be vigorously prosecuted to keep flies and filth dust from our food, we understand that as vigorous measures will be taken to, as far as possible, exterminate the flies, by careful attention to their breeding places. We learn that what is known as the "house fly" (now sometimes called the "typhoid fly") commonly lays its eggs upon horse manure. This substance seems to be its favorite larval food. That being the case, then the thing to do is to see to it that this substance is not allowed to become breeding places. The stables in and about the city should be looked after. Then there are places right near the business centers, alleys and behind stores, etc., where horses are kept during the day and the manure left to become breeding places for flies. It is needless for us to say what should be done to remedy all this, as our health officers, with their usual vigilance, will undoubtedly know what to do, and, knowing, will do it, and thus earn the gratitude of every intelligent citizen of Jacksonville.

## NEWS AND VIEWS BY STATE PRESS

**What It's Coming To.**  
We suppose it will not be long before we will need a federal permit to ditch the water off from our potato patch when it rains, as we might otherwise interfere with the full liberty of the water.—Freeport Observer.

## Rise Like Scum.

Gladstone is quoted as having said that the "income tax" made England a "nation of perjurers," and those who oppose the levying of an income tax in the United States say that it will make this nation also a "nation of perjurers." That is tantamount to saying that it will make the finished product of the raw material. Unless the raw material is ready at hand there can be no finished product. It only brings the perjurers to the surface—they are here all the same.—Ocala Banner.

## A Sober Legislature.

The editor of the Sun has been either a participant in or an observer from the outside at every session of the legislature during the past twenty-five years, mingling with the members of both the senate and house in a social way as well as in his official capacity. He ought, therefore, to be able to speak knowingly of the present body of law-makers as to temperance proclivities, and can say without fear of contradiction that by far less intoxicating liquor has been par-

taken up by members of this legislature up to the present time than has been the case since reconstruction. We do not believe that a member of this legislature has been under the influence of liquor since the beginning of the session, and a more sober body of men never convened from day to day in the history of Florida.—Gainesville Sun. Having had about the same opportunity as Bro. McCreary, the editor of the Morning News fully endorses the above from the Gainesville Sun, with reference to the temperance habits of the members of the present legislature.—Tallahassee News.

## Respect the Community.

The proposed law by Senator McMillen that the shipment of whisky or intoxicants of any character from a wet to a dry county, if passed would do more to enforce temperance than any measure so far sought by legislative enactment. It also has the semblance of equity and justice. If the will of the majority of the people is law, then why should a dry county be subjected to an overflow of whisky from a wet county? In a word, let the wishes and will of a community prevail and be respected.—Ocala Star.

## This Is Serious.

In all seriousness and shame we ask the following question. Is it not a disgrace that neither the county of Alachua nor city of Gainesville, have an allotment set aside for the burial of the indigent that are unfortunate enough to die within their precincts? Possibly the matter has not been brought before the county commissioners, or the city council. If it has not, it is time it was.—Gainesville Elevator.

## A Noble Purpose.

Welcome! To you citizens who have for so long a time been desiring to increase the population of this city of ours. Now, all together, and let us do something for ourselves, let us go right ahead and make such improvements as will make our town attractive. Again we welcome you.—Monticello News.

## Fight Will Be Warm.

It is probable that the wet and dry campaign in this county will be a warm one, but let's all keep in a good humor. Street corner arguments will not convince half a dozen voters in the campaign but they will engender bitterness and strife. Concede to your neighbor the same right that you claim for yourself—the right to vote as your judgment and conscience dictates—and you will lose no friends in the contest.—Perry Herald.

## Looks That Way.

Simple honesty demands that the state of Florida shall pay the \$30,000 appropriated for premiums at the state fair, as soon as possible. Unless it is done the exhibitors will have been both deceived and robbed by the state. As the state is greater than the individual, so the offense committed by it is greater than the same by a person.—Brooksville Argus.

## Is That It?

It is possible Frank Clark is paying the way for the job of stumping Nebraska for the Republicans against Bryan in his race for the United States senate?—Kissimmee Gazette.

## Who Pays the Piper?

Patten denies any responsibility for the increased price of wheat, and Secretary Wilson says it is impossible to corner wheat. The Patten pool, however, has cleaned up between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Somebody is paying these profits, and if it is not the general public, who is it?—Tallahassee True Democrat.

## PENSACOLA AND PENSACOLIANS

## Blue, Not Red.

"Is a lucky thing that some twenty miles of blue water lies between the Tampa Tribune and St. Petersburg Independent. One hates to think of the consequences if they should get at each other.—Pensacola Journal. Yes, but be thankful it's water.—Orlando Reporter-Sun. Is it meant to be insinuated that some other liquid would not remain there any length of time?—Pensacola Journal. If it were "some other liquid" and those chaps should "drain" it all we wouldn't stand for the "consequences" when they should meet half way across.—Orlando Reporter-Star.

## Strong and Honest.

Congratulations to the 1909 legislature—it is far ahead of the record of accomplishment compared either with 1905 or 1907.—Pensacola Journal. And, notwithstanding the fact that one paper in the state has declared to the contrary, the two houses are composed of an unusually strong and honest set of men.—Tallahassee True Democrat.

## A Meritorious Bill.

The fight against "loan sharks" by Hon. John P. Stokes, of Escambia, in the house, is one of the most meritorious bills before the legislature, and The True Democrat hopes it may become a law.—Tallahassee True Democrat.

## A Foreign View.

Pensacola had a disastrous street car and automobile collision Monday, resulting in the death of one lady and serious injury of two others. The coroner's jury charges the motorman and flagman of the street car with criminal negligence. From this distance it appears that the negro who was driving the automobile should come in for a share of the blame.—Marianna Times-Courier.

## Bicycle Marathon Race.

The Pensacola Journal says: "A Marathon race on bicycles is the latest—how appropriate." Think, though, if the original Marathon racer had possessed a bicycle he might not have dropped dead after communicating the glad tidings, and he could have relieved the anxiety of the Athenians much sooner. If the Journal editor will consider this he will not feel sarcastic even if a Marathon airship race is proposed. Probably some one will institute a Marathon "slow race" yet and the Journal man will have full scope for expression of his disgust.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

## MARRIED WOMEN

Every woman covets a shapely figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided by the use of **Mother's Friend** before baby comes, as this liniment prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. **Mother's Friend** makes the danger of child-birth less, and carries her safely through this critical period. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this remedy. Sold by druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Book mailed free to all expectant mothers. THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO. Atlanta, Ga.

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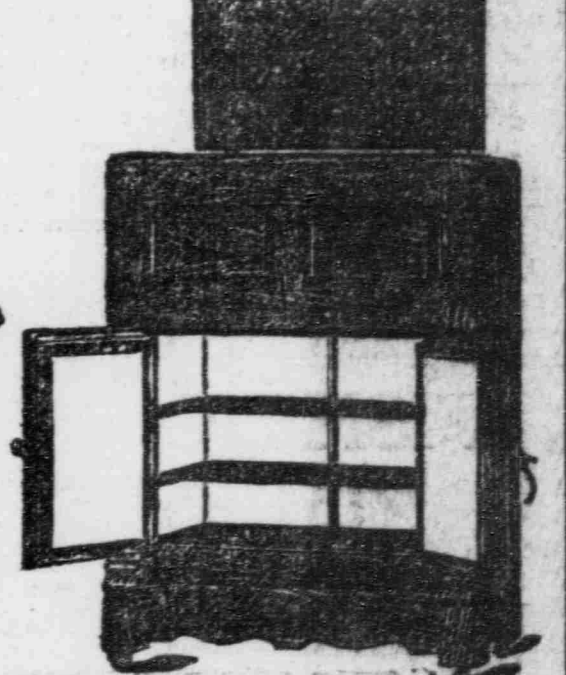
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